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## STATE AFTER DAIRY OWNERS

Numerous Changes Ordered in Dairies That Are Supplying Alma.

## LOCAL MEAT MARKETS HIT

Bottling of Milk by Stores Doing This Has Been Stopped by Officials.

Milk conditions are in a bad way around Alma, according to a report submitted to the city commission Tuesday evening by Dr. J. N. Day, health officer, who has just completed a survey of these conditions with an expert of the state dairy and food department.

State men here during the past week, examined the various dairies that are furnishing milk to patrons and stores in the city and on the whole found conditions that are said to have been deplorable.

Around 25 places, dairies and concerns in the city, stores and markets that handle milk, were examined. Out of this number about a score of dealers and dairies were told to take such action as the men from the department deemed advisable. Most of the complaints were made against dairies in this vicinity, both regarding the barns, and in regard to the way in which milk was being handled.

In some few case complaints against the dairies were made in regard to the condition of the barns, or in the way that milk was being handled.

The stores in Alma that handle milk were given an o. k. by the department for the greater part, the majority of these handling bottled milk from a dairy that was given as being in a splendid condition.

In some cases, the department left orders in markets and stores for changes in conditions in handling milk, this being in places where milk is being bottled in the stores. Three meat markets were given orders to clean up.

In nearly every case where complaints were made, markets, stores or dairies, a period of thirty days was given in which to make the changes that were advised by the department. At that time inspectors from the department will again examine these places to see if the orders have been complied with.

Because of the conditions that were found a proposed new milk ordinance that conforms with the desires of the state department was placed on file with the city clerk, and it is expected that this ordinance will be passed and put in force just as soon as possible. If passed, the proposed ordinance will do away with the ordinance of 1903, known as ordinance No. 43. This ordinance was amended after being passed, the section amended being given immediate effect, and hence illegal because of penalties provided in the ordinance. The balance of the ordinance is regarded as sufficient, but it is believed that an ordinance that will meet with state approval in regard to the milk question will bring greater co-operation from the state department in causing dairy owners and dealers to live up to its provisions.

The R. D. Bradford and E. A. Clark dairies were the only ones examined that were given clean bills of health in every regard, both the barns and milk rooms being reported as being in splendid condition.

At every dairy that was examined the state workers took samples of the milk, which were taken to Lansing for analysis, and a report on the milk is being expected at an early date.

## ELECT OFFICERS

Directors at First State Bank Elected Officers Saturday.

At a meeting of the directors of the First State Bank held on Saturday, officers for the coming year were elected, a 2nd vice-presidency being created, to which Charles G. Rhodes was elected, in addition to the former officers.

The officers elected were: President, L. A. Sharp; first vice president, Francis King; second vice president, Charles G. Rhodes; cashier, Carl H. Washburn; assistant cashiers, Frank O. Parker, John S. Knoetzer and William McFadden; teller, Clifford Cummings.

## UP TODAY

Supreme Court Hearing City of Alma vs. Purcell Case.

The case of the City of Alma against A. R. Purcell, Jackson contractor, which was expected to have its innings in the supreme court last Thursday is being heard today, and William A. Bahke, city attorney, and Kelly S. Searl of St. Johns, representing the city, are in Lansing for that purpose.

The verdict of the high court may not be known for some days, as it is regarded as very probable that the case will be taken under consideration by the court for some few days before its decision is rendered.

Watch for "The Man from Home" adv.-15.

## CO-OPERATIVE ELEVATORS

Gratiot Farm Bureau Members Take Up This Proposition.

Friday, January 28, at 1:30 p. m., there will be a meeting in St. Louis at the Commercial Bank Hall to consider the formation of a Farm Bureau Local. Also, there will be a discussion as to the advisability of forming a co-operative elevator. There is an elevator exchange in connection with the State Farm Bureau, which acts as a selling and buying agency for the co-operative elevators that are lined up with it. At present there are forty-five of these elevators; and by selling and buying as one they get better results than it would be possible for them to get if each worked in competition with all the rest.

Forest Hill Farm Bureau members are working on the elevator proposition with every prospect of success. They have a number of crop contracts signed up and are now ready to start a systematic canvass for members.

The Ithaca Farm Bureau Local organized Saturday, January 15. The sentiment was repeatedly expressed that it seemed too bad for the farms co-operative efforts at Ithaca to be divided. There are few, if any other towns, in the state with as good opportunity for a strong farmers' co-operative business as in Ithaca, it is said.

Gratiot County Farm Bureau will publish a Farm Bureau News the last of each month to keep all the members thoroughly posted as to the workings of the Farm Bureau and prices of different supplies. The first issue will be published next week.

## MRS. ROGERS DIED TUESDAY NIGHT

Well Known Alma Woman Passed Away Following a Seven Weeks' Illness.

Mrs. William H. Rogers, one of Alma's well known residents, passed away at her home here Tuesday evening after a seven weeks' illness from pneumonia. She was 62 years of age.

Continuously since 1899 Mr. and Mrs. Rogers have lived in this city, and during her residence in Alma Mrs. Rogers has gained a wide circle of friends, attracted to her by her industry and her kindness.

Carrie B. Sloan, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Sloan, was born in Pine River township, November 6, 1858. When still a baby she moved to Bushnell township, Montcalm county, with her parents, who removed five years later to Pine River township, Gratiot Co., locating on the Sloan homestead a mile from Alma, where she continued to reside until she was united in marriage August 20, 1879, to William H. Rogers.

They immediately went to Gladwin county, where Mr. Rogers was engaged in lumbering. After residing there for two years they returned to Alma and made this city their home for the next two years. They then moved to a farm in Arcadia township where they resided for the next fifteen years, moving to Alma in 1899, where they have since made their home.

Mrs. Rogers is survived by her husband, William H. Rogers, two children, Mable Jennings of Ionia, and Harry S. of Alma, and also one sister, Mrs. Daniel Goggin, of this city.

The funeral will be held from the Episcopal church Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, conducted by Rev. Davis of St. Louis.

## NEW CARDS OUT

Post Office Expects Increase in Postal Savings Deposits.

The United States Postal Savings System is marking its tenth anniversary by issuing a new postal savings card which has been in use since the establishment of the system on January 1, 1911.

The new card will be furnished free of cost and when ten ten-cent postal savings stamps have been affixed to it will be accepted at any depository office as a deposit of \$1 or it may be redeemed in cash. The outstanding feature of the new card is the translation into twenty-four foreign languages of the statement that the faith of the United States is solemnly pledged to the payment of deposits made under the system.

The Service was first established at forty-eight post offices, one in each state, on January 1, 1911, and although hampered by many restrictions as to rate of interest and maximum amount allowed on deposit, it has shown a remarkable progress. Postmaster General Burleson announced that the amount on deposit today is more than \$162,000,000 and its depositories have long since passed the one-half million mark.

The local post office has enjoyed a good patronage since the establishment of the postal savings system here, with deposits growing constantly, up until the time of the war, when naturally they were very materially reduced. Postmaster Cash believes however that the near future will see the deposits back to the pre-war amount.

## INTERESTING CONVENTION

Factory Representatives Are Meeting at the Republic This Week.

## DISCUSS THEIR PROBLEMS

Valuable Addresses Are Given by Officials of the Alma Company.

A highly interesting convention of the factory representatives of The Republic Motor Truck Company Inc., is being held at the offices of the company here this week, that gives promise of being productive of a great benefit to the sales department and its representatives.

The convention was opened on Monday, the day and the morning of Tuesday being spent for the greater part by the representatives in meeting the new sales representatives, A. J. Whipple, sales manager, and Mr. Akers.

The program of the convention, which continues through until Friday noon follows:

**Tuesday Afternoon**  
2:30—Speed Wagon Comparisons by various units, Mr. Akers.  
4:00—Discussion of Hotchkiss Drive and Torbenes Axle, Mr. Wright and Mr. Haggart.  
6:45—Dinner.  
8:45—Vaudeville, Strand theatre.

**Wednesday**  
9:00 A. M.—Territory Interviews.  
12:30 P. M.—Luncheon.  
2:00 P. M.—Territory Interviews Continued.

6:45 P. M.—Dinner, Wright House.  
Round Table Discussion Sales Policies, A. J. Whipple.

**Thursday**  
9:00 A. M.—General Financial Conditions, H. D. Minch.  
10:30 A. M.—Advertising and Sales Promotion, S. R. Swiss.  
12:30 P. M.—Luncheon.

2:00 P. M.—Territory Interviews.  
6:45 Banquet, Wright House.

After Dinner Discussions, Col. Frank E. Smith, Vice President Republic Motor Truck Co., Inc.

Trade Conditions and Practices, Geo. H. Duck, Western Mgr. Chilton Co.

**Friday**  
10:00 A. M.—Psychology of Sales, T. F. MacManus, Pres., McManus, Inc., Detroit, Mich.

**DIED IN OKLAHOMA**  
Mrs. C. J. Dutt of Tulsa, Oklahoma, who has spent the greater part of her life in and about Alma, died very suddenly last week at her home in Tulsa at which place she moved almost a year ago. She leaves to mourn their loss her husband, Chas. J. Dutt, and three children, Rev. Mead E. Dutt and Ruth Dutt of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Chas. Dutt, a student in Lexington, Kentucky.

Another son, Clyde H. was killed just three years ago. She also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Chet Alexander and Mrs. Nellie Fowler of Coe, Michigan, and one brother, Mrs. Warren Brooks also of Coe, beside many nieces and nephews.

Buy Butterfat each and every day. —24

## START PLANS FOR SUMMER'S WORK

Plans Are Underway for Water-main Extensions—Paving Being Discussed.

That the city officials are planning on a large amount of municipal work this coming spring and summer, is beginning to be made evident in the discussions at the commission meetings each week, but just what work, or how much, is to be undertaken this year is still a question, as plans and specifications for the various work that is being discussed have not yet been made.

Action taken Tuesday evening, however, make it certain that the city expects to put in a great amount of water mains this year. That evening the city commission instructed William E. Reynolds, city manager, to purchase two carloads of wrought iron water pipe, and it is regarded as almost a certainty that within thirty days six more carloads of pipe for water mains will be purchased.

The rapid growth of the city in the past few years has been such that the city has been unable to keep pace with this growth with municipal improvements. Last year a great amount of sewer and sidewalk was constructed and the city hopes to extend the water mains to every section of the city where water is now needed.

It is expected also that the city will do a considerable amount of paving this year, in addition to the paving of the state trunk line roads through Alma, which it is expected that the state will pave this coming year.

A large amount of sidewalk will also be constructed it is expected.

## DEBATE FRIDAY

Alma High Team Will Meet Howard City Forensic Artists.

John Holmes, Elliott Crooks and Phil Lewis, composing the Alma high school debating team will go to Howard City Friday where they will meet the Howard City debating team in what is expected to be a hotly contested debate, on the question, "Resolved, That the adjustment of disputes between employers and employees should be made a part of the administration of justice."

The local forensic artists have won two debates on this question, both unanimous victories, which were obtained over Elsie and St. Louis high schools, and they have shown clearly that they have an excellent mastery of the question to be debated.

In the coming debate Friday the Alma team will take the negative side of the question for the first time and this promises to give the locals a real task, as reports indicate that the state high schools which are debating this question, are unable to bring forth a victory on the negative side of the proposition.

The Alma team has been working hard for the debate and hopes to establish a further record by winning from the Howard City trio in the contest.

## THE ALMA BUICK COMPANY STARTS

New Concern Will Open Doors Saturday in Berman Block Says Slater.

A number of prominent business men of the city are organizing the Alma Buick Company, which will handle the sale of Buick automobiles in this vicinity, and specialize in expert repair work for this make of automobile.

The new concern has already rented the entire first floor of the new Berman block on East Superior street which was just recently completed, and is now making plans for what it is claimed will be the finest salesrooms in the city, with the spacious display windows that are available in the new structure. Work of getting the place ready for a first class sales room and service station is now under way.

The formal opening of the new salesroom will not take place for about ten days, but Fred Slater, manager of the new enterprise, states that the company will be ready to start business in the new location by Saturday of this week. He is highly pleased that the company has been able to secure the Berman block, which he feels offers an ideal location for the enterprise.

Mr. Slater stated Tuesday that two first class mechanics would be in charge of the service station and that expert repair work would be given at all times. The company will specialize in repair work for Buick automobiles, he stated.

The local men interested in the Alma Buick Motor Sales Co. are Fred Slater, F. O. Slater, Charles O. Ward, J. W. Blakeley and Otto Sandheroff.

## LOSE TWO

Re-Appointment of Delegates is Costly to Gratiot.

The re-appointment of delegates to the Republican state conventions by the Republican State Central Committee, has proven costly to Gratiot county, as well as numerous other counties throughout the state, and has given Wayne county almost double the number of delegates that she has previously had, putting Wayne practically in control of Republican conventions, with over a third of the total number of delegates. Gratiot county Republicans will have only 13 delegates at the state convention next month, and in future conventions, until a new apportionment is made.

In previous conventions Gratiot county had 15 delegates, and with Wayne county having less than 300 in those conventions there were times when Gratiot's vote could be used to good advantage. From now on Wayne county will be able to control conventions very easily, with but little vote swapping, and the smaller counties of the state, will have little to say. Kent county, second largest in the state has only 81 votes, the same number as she formerly had.

## MEET ST. LOUIS

Alma High Takes on Old Rival Here Friday Evening.

Alma High's Gratiot county rival, St. Louis, will meet the locals on the basketball court, Friday evening at 7:30, and a good battle is in prospect. Mullin's team, which has now faced its two hardest opponents of the season, believes that it will break into the win column in the Friday night game. The Alma mentor has been working his men hard this week to get them in shape for the tilt, and hopes that the men will show the results of the workouts that they have been getting.

The St. Louis team is regarded as unusually strong for a St. Louis basketball quintet, and numbers among its victims this year such teams as Laketon, and others of like ability.

## COLLEGE CAGERS SPRING SURPRISE

Olivet Basket Ball Team Given Bad Drubbing By Maroon and Cream.

## DEFENSE WAS THE FEATURE

Quintet Has Promise of Being a Strong Contender in the M. I. A. A.

With two regulars out of the game, the Alma college basket ball five was still strong enough Saturday night to pull a big surprise, the Presbyterians riding over Coach Watson's fighting Olivet cagers to the tune of 23 to 8, this being the worst defeat that the Crimson has met this year. It was a brilliant victory that the Maroon and Cream secured in starting out their M. I. A. A. schedule.

With Cathcart and Arbaugh both out of the game, hopes of winning from the Crimson were small. Waggoner was shoved into center and Scott into Arbaugh's guard position, where both did forth in great style, aiding the rest of the team in keeping Watson's gang of basket shooters puzzled at every stage of the game. The night previous Olivet had held the Central Normal cagers 20 to 16, and it did not seem possible that the Maroon and Cream could win. The old time Alma fight was shown for the first time this year, and with such a show of pep and fight on the part of the locals, the scrappy Crimson team had little chance to win.

The five man defense of the Almaties worked almost to perfection. Just twice could the Watson coached team pierce the defense, once in each half. The other four points were taken by McDonald on fouls before he was chased by Referee Hoolihan for roughing in the second half.

The Olivet defense puzzled Steele's men in the first half, and only two field baskets were counted, but in the second half the offense of the Maroon and Cream smashed through the Crimson wall four times.

The work of the Alma forwards, Beattie and Kiker, was the big feature of the fray, but in giving them credit, the work of Waggoner, Dahlgren and Scott must not be overlooked. Dahlgren's defensive work was especially commendable, as was the foul shooting of Beattie.

In the preliminary, after holding Flint Central 2 to 1, the local high school team was defeated 22 to 5, the defense going to pieces.

Lineup and summary:

Alma	Olivet
Beattie	LaMonte
Kiker	Murray
Waggoner	Cunningham
Dahlgren	McDonald
Scott	Packer

Field baskets—Beattie 4, Kiker, Waggoner, LaMonte, Murray.  
Fouls—Beattie 11 out of 13, McDonald 4 out of 6, LaMonte 0 out of 1, Cunningham 0 out of 1.

Substitutions—Dove for Murray, Murray for Dove, Dove for McDonald, Suhi for Murray, Handley for Scott.

Score first half—Alma college 7, Olivet college 5.

Referee—Hoolihan, Mt. Pleasant Normal.

## BAD FIRE HERE TUESDAY NIGHT

E. Frank MacCallumMohr Suffers Heavy Loss by a Night Fire.

The Alma fire department was called to the home of E. Frank MacCallumMohr, near the corner of Ely street and Grover avenue, about midnight Tuesday night, where a fire had started, which caused the total destruction of a frame building that MacCallumMohr was making over into a dwelling, and which badly damaged his own residence located on the next lot.

It is believed that the fire started in the frame structure that was being made over into a dwelling, as this building was a mass of flames by the time that the fire department reached the scene. At this time the fire at the MacCallumMohr home was confined to the roof of the small house.

The fire had gained such a headway by the time that water was playing on the flames, that there was no chance to save the structure that MacCallumMohr was making into a residence, and it was totally destroyed. His home just to the north was badly damaged before the department succeeded in extinguishing the flames. It is not known how the fire started.

Attention Ladies

Don't forget to attend the regular meeting of the Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion, which will be held Tuesday evening, January 25, 1921, 7:30 o'clock, city hall.

## NORMALS HERE

Veteran Mt. Pleasant Team Will Meet Collegians.

The veteran Mt. Pleasant Normal team, which was one of the strongest quintets of the state last year, and which has started the present season with a rush, will invade Alma Saturday night for a battle with Coach Steele's Alma collegians, and a real battle is in prospect.

The Normals, boasting such men as Brooks, LaCronier, Beddow, Tambling, and other real stars, have lost just one game this season, having been nosed out by 4 points by M. A. C. last week. Coach Simmons team is a fast one, and it believes that it will have little trouble in disposing of the Maroon and Cream team.

The Presbyterians, while forming a green team, have one that is scrappy right from the go, and it is not going to be an easy matter for the Isabella Teachers to shove the Maroon and Cream down to defeat.

The team appeared to fine advantage against Olivet with both Arbaugh and Cathcart out of the fray, and with the additional week of practice should show some wonderful development. It is regarded as more than possible that Arbaugh may be able to get into the fray against the Normalites. If he returns Coach Steele will be able to strengthen his already strong defense considerably, and make the job of the Teachers just that much harder.

The Normals are planning on bringing a bunch of fans to Alma with them, so the college crowd is urged to be out in force to support the Maroon and Cream in its effort to pull a surprise on them.

## DEFENSE CRACKS AND FLINT WINS

High School Aggregation Unable to Stand Swift Pace Set by Visitors.

After playing a wonderful defensive game in the first half, during which Flint Central high was unable to grab more than two points, the Alma five, unable to stand the hot pace that had been set, eased up and went down to a 22 to 5 defeat, Saturday night.

The first half of the fray saw what was probably the speediest half of high school basketball seen here in years, with both aggregations putting up a wonderful glaring exhibition. The locals were unable to penetrate the Flint defense in the first half, annexing just a single point in the first 20 minutes of play, this on a foul by Elias. Flint was but little more fortunate in her attempts to smash the Alma defense, getting just one field basket for two points. It was the smallest scoring half of basketball ever played here by any teams.

The Alma team, perhaps from a lack of condition, or possibly worn down by the superior weight of the Flint aggregation, could not stand the fast pace in the second half, and quickly fell to the rear, as Don Weiss and Furgerson rained shots at the basket, six of which went true. Holding in the final half also proved costly to the Mullin coached team, seven fouls being called in the final half, six of which Furgerson nailed.

Elias was the big light in the play of the Alma team, while Furgerson and Don Weiss featured for the visitors.

Line-up and summary:

Alma	Flint
Anderson	Don Weiss
Sartor	Wells
Elias	Furgerson
Lyons	Dodd
Atkinson	Don Weiss

Field baskets—Don Weiss 4, Furgerson 2, Wells, Riegle, Sartor 4, Foul—Furgerson 6 out of 9, Elias 4 out of 7, Sartor 1 out of 2.

Substitutions—Riegle for Don Weiss, Don Weiss for Riegle, Riegle for Wells, Ockerman for Don Weiss, Garner for Atkinson.

Score first half—Flint 2, Alma 1.

Referee—Hoolihan, Mt. Pleasant Normal.

## SPECIAL DELIVERY

This Class of Mail Will Be Delivered Without Receipts.

New post office regulations call attention to the fact that in the future special delivery mail will be delivered without receipts and will be left in regular mail receptacles, when personal delivery cannot be effected.

The regulations call attention to the fact that if possible delivery is to be made to the addressee, or if this is not possible in the box by the door. In cases where the receptacles are not located by the door, a notice will be left under the door to call at the box. Specials that are not deliverable will be noted and returned to the post office.

Special delivery service is given to expedite mail, and not to safeguard it, and registered mail should be used to insure safety, the regulations point out.

Maroon and Cream play, Strand noon—adv.-4.

Buy Butterfat each and every day. —24

## GERBER HEAD OF ORGANIZATION

Active Civic Worker is the President of Chamber of Commerce.

## ELECTED OFFICERS MONDAY

Karl R. Adams Is Vice President and Charles O. Ward the Treasurer.

The Alma Board of Trade has now given way to the Alma Chamber of Commerce, the organization of which has been completed, and is now ready for active work in the interests of a larger and better Alma.

The directors for the new organization were elected last Friday evening, when the tellers counted up the votes cast by the membership. The six candidates of the 24 receiving the highest number of votes, were declared to be elected as directors for two years and the next six highest were declared to be elected as directors for one year.

The following were the directors elected for two years: Harry Gerber, Carl H. Washburn, Karl R. Adams, Charles G. Rhodes, J. M. Montigel, and H. S. Babcock.

The directors for one year are W. W. Cushing, A. E. Davies, G. V. Wright, William A. Bahke, Jotham Allen and Charles O. Ward.

On Monday evening the directors were called together at a meeting that was held at the Wright House, when the officers were chosen for the organization. As had been expected by practically everyone, Harry Gerber was chosen as president of the Chamber of Commerce. The other officers elected were vice president, Karl R. Adams; secretary-manager, H. E. Reece; treasurer, Charles O. Ward.

With the completion of the organization of the new Alma Chamber of Commerce, the directors of the old Board of Trade resigned, and the new organization took its place as one of the active agents in the betterment of the community.

## RESCIND ACTION

City Commission Believes the City Should Widen Pavement.

Action taken by the city commission April 27, 1920, asking for thirty foot pavement on Wright avenue, West Superior street and 28 feet on East Superior street, trunk line road, on which pavement is to be constructed by the state, was rescinded Tuesday evening by a unanimous vote of the commission, on the advice of W. E. Reynolds, city manager, who believes that any widening of the pavements on these streets should be done by the city.

A thorough study into the situation regarding paving more than the 20 foot width, which the state constructs on the state trunk line roads, convinced Manager Reynolds, that it would be best for the city to construct the extra width, rather than to have the state do the work.

A certain part of the engineering cost, grade cost, etc., of the work is charged against the city, when this work is done by the state, and it is believed that this cost plus the cost of actual construction of the extra ten feet of pavement, would be far more than would be the cost for the city to widen the pavement on these streets.

In view of the action taken Tuesday evening the paving of these portions of the state trunk line roads in Alma will be only 20 feet in width. Then at some later date, when traffic warrants it, the extra pavement will be built by the city.

## VREELAND WINS

Bay City Man Takes Local Oratorical Contest.

Frank Vreeland of Bay City won the men's oratorical contest of the college Wednesday evening, with the oration, "The Issue is Wilson," and as a result will represent Alma College in the Michigan Oratorical Contest to be held at Albion in March.

Robert Wyatt, a graduate of Alma High School, won second place with the oration, "Justice for Ireland."

## HENDERSON COMING

The program to be given in the Presbyterian church Friday evening of this week should be of interest to all citizens of our city. In addition to music which has been arranged, the address of Prof. W. D. Henderson, head of the Extension Department of the U. of M. promises to be one of unusual value. Prof. Henderson is well known throughout this state as an interesting and powerful speaker. He is brought here at this time by the Presbyterian Brotherhood. His subject will be the "Rediscovery of America." All are invited.

## HOLD TRAIN

The Ann Arbor R. R. advise train No. 53 due at Owosso at 7:15 p. m. will be held 25 minutes at Owosso for passengers from G. T. R. R. train No. 21 due at 7:28 p. m. when notified by the Grand Trunk they have passengers for Alma and north.

Coming, "The Man from Home." adv.-15.